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25X1 COUNTRY Czechoslovakia DATE DISTR. 26 May 1953 New Kuchma Airfield **SUBJECT** NO. OF PAGES DATE OF INFO. REQUIREMENT NO. 25X1 **REFERENCES** PLACE ACQUIRED This is UNEVALUATED Information THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE. THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE. (FOR KEY SEE REVERSE) 25X1 A new Kuchyna airfield was begun near Malacky in May 1951 and, according to the plans, it was to be completed in May 1953. It measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers and is covered with grass, 25X1 except for the concrete runways and taxiways. Up to the date of observation there had been no military unit assigned to the new field except for Czech ground personnel who guarded the area. These guards were the new Soviet-type uniforms and were armed with carbines and sub-machine guns. Their uniforms had no unit numbers or facings. Sentries were posted at the entrances to the field and at the administration building. In the summer of 1952 the Kampfflieger Regiment (sic) from Trencin trained at this airfield. The Prestany fighter plane regiment from Malacky also trained there in the summer of 1952. It is rumored that the latter unit will occupy the field at the beginning of 1953. The old Kuchyna airfield is to be used in the future only as a training area for parachute troops, who will live in the new barracks which have been built

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Legend to Sketch No. 1

- 1. Old Kuchyma Airfield
- 2. Barracks at the old Kuchyna Airfield
- 3. New Kuchyma Airfield

Legend to Sketch No. 2

- New concrete road six meters wide from the Malacky-Pernek highway to the new airfield.
- 2. Entrances to the airfield
- 3. Weeden guard building
- 4. A concrete road about six meters wide leading through the airfield and connecting the main entrance with the main hangar.
- Cencrete aircraft parking area (apron) at the hamgars, about 40 meters wide and 200 meters long.
- 5a. Concrete taxiway between the runway and the apren.
- 6. Administration building and offices of the airfield. Radio station. A wooden building with a flat cement roof, 50 meters long, 10 meters wide and 8 meters high.
- 7. Reinforced concrete hangar with a flat cement roof, 200 meters long, 50 meters wide and 15 meters high. Up to the time of observation, no aircraft were kept in this hangar.
- 8. Completed concrete runway about 2,000 meters long and 60 meters wide.
- 9. Rumway about 1,600 meters long, 60 meters wide under construction. This rumway was not completely concreted at the time of observation.
- 10. Electric illumination of the runway on both sides by mean of fixtures on posts about 30 cm. high and spaced about 30 cm. from each other.
- 11. Drainage ditch.
- 12. Wire fence supported by cement posts; three barbed wire strands along the top.
- 13. Unleading area for empty gasoline cans and practice bombs.
- 14. Temporary fuel storage in a wooden building
- 15. Temperary storage for technical material in a wooden building.
- 17. Amti-aircraft dugouts reinforced with timber.
- 18. Two antennas, both eight meters high, on steel posts on the top of the administration building.

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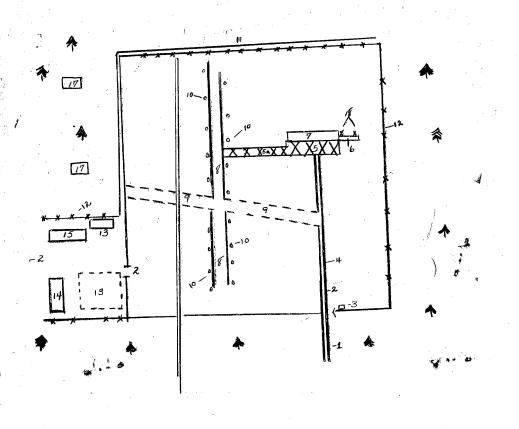
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Sketch No. 2



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